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GOD LIVES!

PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT

It is always a pleasure to me to meet with the Latter-day Saints in any of their public gatherings, and especially am I pleased to be present at the General Conferences of the Church, having had the privilege of attending them from my childhood until the present time.

There are assembled, I am sure, in this city to-day fully twenty thousand people from different sections of the Church, from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south, who will attend these meetings. In addition, there will be several hundred thousand who will attend our meetings by means of the marvelous radio. It is wonderful how many people are permitted to listen in, those who have a desire to do so, to our conference proceedings. In many of our wards and stakes, the meeting-houses will be filled with those who will hear as plainly and partake of the spirit, I believe, as perfectly almost as those who are assembled in this building to-day.

I rejoice in the opportunities that have come to preach the Gospel through the means of the radio. One day, four letters were received from New Zealand announcing the perfect reception of a program broadcast by KSL radio station.

We rejoice in the marvelous conference that was held here six months ago, when we think of this building being filled for thirty evenings by people who attended the wonderful pageant that was presented. It is another marvel to contemplate the fact that publicity was given to millions of people regarding that great pageant. I have here on exhibit, and I wish to show you, what

is merely a collection of newspaper clippings regarding our Centennial celebration. Over three thousand newspapers gave us favourable notices. The great change that has come about since the days of my boyhood, in the general attitude toward this people, is almost beyond contemplation or expectation.

I can remember when I was the junior member of the Council of the Twelve, forty-eight years ago this month, that during my first trips away from home, almost invariably, wherever I went, I found opposition. I found ill-will toward the Latter-day Saints. I found men so full of bitterness toward us that they said if they had their way, the "Mormons" would be shnt up in their Tabernacle and the guns of Fort Douglas be turned upon them. To-day, wherever I go, I find the opposite feeling; I find good-will; I find kindness; I find readiness and willingness on the part of the newspapers to give us favourable public notices. Anything we wish to say they are willing to print.

ATTITUDE THIRTY YEARS AGO

During the time when I presided over the Japanese Mission, there were some vile things published in that country about us; and when I obtained affidavits from home refuting the published statements, I could not get them into the papers that had published the scurrilous articles against us. During my presidency of the European Mission, for three long years, I never succeeded in getting one single line of refutation printed in the papers in England. Some very pernicious articles were written about us, but the newspapers would not publish refutations of those articles. To-day, we are getting very favourable publicity. The newspapers are open to the President of the European Mission, Elder John A. Widtsoe. We regret his absence from the meetings of this conference. We would be delighted if he were here.

We also regret very much the absence of Elder Stephen L. Richards on account of ill health.

I remember calling upon one newspaper in London that had published some seven to ten columns of vile stuff about the "Mormons," and I took with me a letter of introduction from a large shipping firm in Liverpool—with which we had done business for over sixty years—vouching not only for my integrity as President of the European Mission, but for the integrity of all my predecessors, and yet they would not publish a single line. I told them I had letters of introduction from all of the non-"Mormon" bankers in Salt Lake City, and from bankers in New York, San Francisco and Chicago, and from the largest wholesale dry goods house in New York, vouching for my honesty, and gave them my word of honour that what they had published was false. Yet they would not publish a thing in our favour.

To have over three thousand newspapers; to have the Associated Press; to have the Hearst papers, and to have western papers—especially in Utah and Idaho—the newspapers generally, give us such extended and favourable articles as this immense volume contains, is a cause of deep gratitude on my part and that of my associates of the General Authorities of the Church. These notices and editorials, as well as the original articles that appeared with illustrations, are all that we could possibly have asked. There was very seldom anything published during our Centennial Conference that was not favourable. The Associated Press and special representatives of various newspapers sent out truthful and informative notices. This is a source of profound gratitude on our part.

I announced to the good sisters yesterday in their Relief Society Conference that we are becoming known for what we are, a God-fearing, honest, upright people, striving to serve the Lord and keep His commandments, carrying a message of goodwill to all the world. All that we have ever asked or expected is that people shall judge us by the standards laid down by the Saviour of the world. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

We have a lower divorce rate, we have a higher marriage rate, we have a higher birth rate, we have a lower death rate, we have a lower criminal rate, than other people.

I know of nothing for which I am more grateful than to realize that we are coming into our own, that we are being accepted for exactly what we are, a God-fearing and splendid people.

FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY

The accomplishments of the Latter-day Saints are in absolute and full accord with the prophecy delivered on the west bank of the Mississippi River by the Prophet Joseph Smith, as recorded in the Prophet's journal under date of August 6th, 1842:

I prophesied that the Saints would continue to suffer much affliction and would be driven to the Rocky Mountains. Many would apostatize; others would be put to death by our persecutors or lose their lives in consequence of exposure or disease, and some of you will live to go and assist in making settlements and build cities, and see the Saints become a mighty people in the midst of the Rocky Mountains.

This has been fulfilled to the very letter, and we have over one thousand wards and branches from Canada on the north to Mexico on the south. The Church has expended during the last three years between three and four million dollars (six hundred thousand to eight hundred thousand pounds) in assisting to erect local meeting-houses. The people have contributed a like amount. As you know, we have builded here a four-million-dollar temple, and we have built temples in St. George, Manti, Logan, Canada, Arizona and the Hawaiian Islands, costing in all

many millions of money. We have in very deed fulfilled that prophecy notwithstanding the fact that this western country was considered worthless. When you think of this arid region, when you think that it was considered of no value, and then realize what has been accomplished, it is beyond question that we have fulfilled that prediction.

"A WORTHLESS DESERT"

At the very time this prophecy was uttered, Daniel Webster, one of the foremost statesmen in the United States at that time, said :

What do we want with this vast worthless area, this region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts, of shifting sands, and whirlwinds of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts or those endless mountain ranges, impenetrable and covered to their very bases with eternal snow? What can we ever hope to do with the western coast of three thousand miles, rockbound, cheerless, uninviting and not a harbour on it? Mr. President, I will never vote one cent from the public treasury to place the Pacific Coast one inch nearer Boston than it now is.

When I think of the magnificent harbour at Seattle, and the wonderful Golden Gate harbour, as well as others on the Pacific Coast, I am aware that Daniel Webster was not very well posted. When we think of this "worthless" country—Utah, Idaho, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and California—having furnished more wealth so far as the precious metals are concerned than any other part or all of the balance, I think, of the United States; when we realize that we have one mine here, a copper mine, the copper being mined in a most unusual and wonderful way, having paid as I recall over one hundred and fifty million dollars in dividends, working successfully ore that does not run one per cent—less than twenty pounds of copper to a ton—handling upon one occasion more than eighty thousand tons in a day, or double as much as was handled in a day in the construction of the Panama Canal; when we think of the millions upon millions of dollars' worth of gold produced in California; when we think of the rich copper mines in Arizona, to say nothing of silver, lead and gold in all these sections, and Colorado's immense wealth, we realize that Daniel Webster did not know very much about this country.

But the only point I wish to make is that we, as Latter-day Saints, realize and know that Joseph Smith was and is the representative of God and a prophet of God, and that his sayings have been fulfilled to the very letter.

I am very happy in contemplating the prosperity that prevails to-day, and my heart goes out in gratitude for the change that has taken place at home and abroad. While the world is in a state

of commotion, and there is perplexity among the nations, the Latter-day Saints have no fears for the future. The signs of the times indicate the near approach of the coming of the Lord, and the work that we are engaged in is a preparatory one for the great event.

In speaking here last month, Bishop Sylvester Q. Cannon referred to a statement made by a minister to the effect that unless the "Mormon" Church can withstand the criticism of intelligent people, the test of modern science, etc., it must, in the next one hundred years, be counted in the category of declining religions, and that it would be necessary for us to shift our faith from Joseph Smith and his reputed revelations.

SUCCESS OF GOD'S WORK

Never, while the world stands, will it be necessary for us to shift our faith. God lives, Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God. He has appeared to Joseph Smith, Oliver Cowdery and Sidney Rigdon, and we proclaim to all the world that we know that He lives and that God has given to us, individually, a testimony regarding the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith. We have the truth, and as the great lawyer said to those who were fighting Christianity, we can repeat to-day :

Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the apostles forth a little space ;

And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men. . . .

Refrain from these men, and let them alone : for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought :

But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it ; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.

This work is of God, and it has been proclaimed now for over a hundred years. We are here assembled celebrating the one hundred and first semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. During all of these one hundred years, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as revealed through the instrumentality of the Prophet Joseph Smith, has been proclaimed all over the world wherever there has been religious liberty.

In every land and in every clime wherever it has been proclaimed, honest men and women have received the message, have accepted the Gospel, have gone down into the waters of baptism, have pledged their lives and their fortunes for the advancement of this work. From every religious denomination under heaven we have gathered converts.

I have never investigated beyond my own experience in life, but I know of no single missionary who has gone out into the world, not one, who has been converted to any other religion and

come home to announce that this Gospel of Jesus Christ is not true. But by the hundreds and thousands, during my life, I have heard the testimonies of the young men and the young women who have gone out to proclaim this Gospel returning from their missionary work and bearing witness that they had an increased knowledge of the divinity of this work, that their testimonies had been strengthened. Think of it! What a wonderful miracle it is that with this "false" prophet and these "purported" revelations, our young, inexperienced members of the Church go out and come in contact with all the education, all the learning, and all the faiths of the world, and yet the churches have not been able to convert any of them and show them that straight and narrow path that leads to life eternal.

THE TESTIMONY OF EVERY LATTER-DAY SAINT

I bear witness to you to-day—and I am talking now not only to the people who are here assembled, but to people who may be listening in by means of the radio, at home or abroad, in the United States or in foreign countries—I bear my witness that God lives, that He is the Father of our spirits; that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God; that Joseph Smith is a prophet of the true and the living God, and that his words contained in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants are the inspired words of a prophet of God. I desire all men to know that the revelation or vision given to Joseph Smith, as contained in the seventy-sixth Section of the Doctrine and Covenants, is absolutely true. I have repeated two passages from that section time and time again, and I shall repeat them again now, in this day of doubt.

Some years ago, many ministers of the gospel, even several hundred of them, were asked the following questions:

Do you believe in God, the Father; God a person . . . in whose image you were made?

Do you believe that Christ was the Son of the living God, sent by Him to save the world . . . that He is God's very Son; with a divinely appointed and definite mission, dying on the cross and raised from the dead?

Do you believe that when you die, you will live again as a conscious intelligence, knowing who you are and who other people are?

These questions were put to ministers in the New England States, and not a single one gave an unequivocal answer, "Yes," notwithstanding they had been asked to answer them by "Yes" or "No."

All three of those questions can be answered by every Latter-day Saint. We believe that God appeared to Joseph Smith, and that He proclaimed Jesus Christ as His "Well Beloved Son."

And now, I quote from the vision given to Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon:

And this is the gospel, the glad tidings, which the voice out of the heavens bore record unto us—

That he came into the world, even Jesus, to be crucified for the world, and to bear the sins of the world, and to sanctify the world, and to cleanse it from all unrighteousness; . . .

Who glorifies the Father, and saves all the works of his hands, except those sons of perdition who deny the Son after the Father has revealed him. (Doctrine and Covenants, 76: 40-43.)

And now, after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him: That he lives!

For we saw him, even on the right hand of God: and we heard the voice bearing record that he is the Only Begotten of the Father—

That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof are begotten sons and daughters of God. (Doctrine and Covenants, 76: 22-24.)

So there is no dubiety in our minds. One man said to me: "The only religious people I ever met in my life who have a perfect faith in and an absolute assurance of their final destiny are the 'Mormons,'" and it is true.

I feel that I have occupied enough time. I rejoice in the advancement of the work of God. My heart goes out in deep gratitude to the members of the committee who furnished that magnificent pageant. I thank the men who secured this wonderful publicity for us. It is marvelous.

May the Lord bless each and every one who has a testimony of the divinity of this work to so live the Gospel that his life will proclaim its message to the people of the world. The promise is made that those who will do the will of the Father shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether it be of man. Having fulfilled the law and having received the knowledge that we are engaged in the work of the Lord, we pray that He may help us to live it.

May He help us to be absolutely honest in the payment of our tithes; in observing the Word of Wisdom, and setting an example that will cause men and women to investigate the message that we have to bear. It is my humble prayer that the Lord will bless every honest-hearted soul upon the face of the earth, and I ask it in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.—Address delivered at the opening session of the One Hundred and First Semi-annual Conference, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah, U. S. A., on Friday, October 3rd, 1930.

"LIFT up your hearts and be glad, for I am in your midst, and am your advocate with the Father; and it is his good will to give you the kingdom. And, as it is written—Whatsoever ye shall ask in faith, being united in prayer according to my command, ye shall receive."—DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS, 29: 5, 6.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1930

EDITORIAL

CHILDREN OF GOD

HE MAKETH his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

All men receive, in equal fulness, the love of God. To all, His blessings are made available; to all, the joys of life are offered.

Nevertheless, all do not receive alike, for all do not accept, or equally use, that which is given. Thereby is explained the broken story of mankind, of sin and repentance, of departures from truth and returns to it.

The sun rises upon all, but evil men who work by night sleep during the day, and the sunlight does not help them. The sun shines upon the whole earth, but some men, pale and fearful, remain in shaded places, away from the life-giving rays of the sun; while others, trusting and grateful, go out into the sunshine, breathe deeply of earth's blessings and find strength and peace. Light comes to all the world, but not all use it to seek truth, and others having found truth retire into darkness and forget.

Rain is sent to beautify and vivify the earth. It falls upon every neighbouring spot alike. The field of the unjust man receives as much rain as does that of the just man. But, behold the difference! The higher righteousness! The just man, careful of his blessings, plows and tills and loosens the soil, so that the rain may penetrate the land, reach the plant roots and promote the growth of the crop. The unjust man, careless of sacred gifts, concerned with his own devices, does not till the land, the rain runs off, useless to the crop. Then comes harvest time. The man who tilled his land, who used the rain, reaps a hundred-fold, while the one who left the land untilled, wasted the rain, must be content with a ten-fold harvest.

The Lord loves all His children. Upon them all the essential gifts are showered alike. But only those who strive to become like the Father can expect a fulness of reward for life's efforts. The true children of the Lord are those who, fearlessly, in the full light of day, seek truth, and increase in the knowledge of truth, then forever use truth for the good of man and the glory of God.—W.

“ALL things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal; neither any man, nor the children of men.”—DOCTRINE AND COVENANTS 29: 34.

APPOINTMENT

ELDER IRVING P. BEESLEY has been labouring since August 23rd, 1930, in the European Mission office, in perfecting plans and helps for the auxiliary work of the European Missions. He has given especial attention to the needs of the Boy Scouts in the various missions. Elder Beesley had already completed a thirty months' service, twelve months of that time as Mission Scout executive, in the German-Austrian Mission when called to the European Mission office. The results of Elder Beesley's labours will soon be circulated.—W.

"MORMONISM" IN SWEDEN

ELDER GIDEON N. HULTERSTROM

PRESIDENT OF THE SWEDISH MISSION

MANY thousands of honest, sincere Swedish souls have found in "Mormonism"—the Gospel of Jesus Christ—that heavenly and costly "pearl" for which they have long sought. They have been lifted up; changed into better fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, and neighbours through their contact with that restored Gospel which will eventually, but surely, bring about the brotherhood of man, and which, in so doing, will firmly secure the salvation of those who endure to the end.

The Centennial of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints marks the eightieth anniversary of the introduction of the Gospel into Sweden. It was at the October conference in 1849 that the First Presidency called and set apart Apostle Erastus Snow to open these northern lands for the preaching of the Gospel. Elders Peter O. Hansen and John E. Forsgren were called to accompany him on this important mission to Scandinavia.

Upon their arrival in Denmark, they immediately commenced work, and the Scandinavian Mission was opened on June 14th, 1850, with headquarters in Copenhagen. Five days later, Elder Forsgren was set apart and blessed by Apostle Snow to begin missionary work in Sweden. His first field of labour was in the city of Gevle, Sweden—the first missionary work of the Church in that country. The first fruit of the good seed sown was his own brother, Peter Adolph Forsgren, who had that faith which moves to action. He was baptized on July 26th, 1850. Elder Forsgren next baptized his sister and one other person.

But at that time, there was no religious freedom in Sweden, and it was not long until the government officials began to protest against this "new religion." This finally led to Elder Forsgren's arrest. He was accused and convicted of being a law-breaker, and was banished from the country. But before he obeyed this

unjust order, he bore his testimony of the divinity of this restored Gospel to several earnest investigators whom he later had the pleasure to baptize. However, the order of banishment took effect, and he was placed on board a steamer. The Swedish authorities thought that he was bound for America, but when he arrived in Elsinore, Denmark, he left the steamer and continued his missionary activities in Denmark.

Thus, the preaching of the Gospel in Sweden was temporarily stopped; but two and a half years later, in the early part of 1853, several missionaries from Copenhagen arrived in Sweden and began again to preach the Gospel, labouring first in Skane, where the first branch and district in the country were organized under the direction of Elder Anders W. Winberg.

From Skane, the work spread northward, and it was not long before the Church had five prosperous districts and several organized branches in Sweden. But this wonderful success of the missionary system also brought with it trials and persecutions. These, however, only served to make the servants of the Lord more determined to preach and spread "Mormonism" to the Swedish people. As time rolled on, the missionary force increased, and thousands of men and women became assured that this was the truth and accepted the everlasting truths of the Gospel through the waters of baptism for the remission of sins.

Such was the beginning of missionary work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sweden.

On the 22nd of August, 1897, Elder J. M. Sjodahl secured audience with His Majesty, King Oscar II of Sweden and Norway, and inasmuch as the King was celebrating his twenty-fifth year as King of Sweden and Norway, Elder Sjodahl presented him with a very beautiful and specially prepared copy of the Book of Mormon as a token of appreciation and good-will from the Swedish and Norwegian Latter-day Saints. He also presented a personal letter to the King from the First Presidency of the Church. This occasion was marked with much dignity and distinction.

On November 20th, 1901, the presiding brethren in Stockholm decided to petition His Majesty, King Oscar II for protection of our Church, and to acknowledge and sustain our Church as a church organization in the interpretation of the Swedish religious laws. However, the Ecclesiastical Department of the Swedish government opposed this petition, and thus it was denied.

Stockholm gradually became the central point for the Swedish missionary activities of the Church. It soon became necessary to secure a chapel in the Swedish capital. Having this thought in mind, President Anthon L. Skanehy appointed a committee consisting of Elders Joseph J. Cannon, Neils Anthon and Nils Nilson,

to have charge of the movement and to gather resources for the undertaking. By May 1st, 1904, the committee had purchased the estate at Svartensgatan 3, in Stockholm. Under the supervision of District President C. J. A. Lindquist, a large, commodious chapel



PRESIDENT AND SISTER GIDEON N. HULTERSTROM, OF THE SWEDISH MISSION, AND THEIR SON.

was built and the building on the estate renovated. The completed chapel was dedicated by President Heber J. Grant, who was then President of the European Mission, in the presence of all the missionaries labouring in the Scandinavian Mission and many of the Saints and friends from all parts of the Mission

The Ecclesiastical Department of the Swedish government presented a petition to the Department of State of Sweden, on November 8th, 1901, to forbid the Latter-day Saints from holding public meetings in their new chapel. However, the Department of State would not accept the petition, which was then referred to King Oscar II, but he held with the decision of the Department of State. Consequently, the members of the Church have since enjoyed religious freedom, and may perform their religious duties as members of other denominations do.

Meanwhile, the General Authorities of the Church saw that it was wise and necessary to divide the Scandinavian Mission, and as a result of this action, the Swedish Mission was officially opened on July 1st, 1905, Elder Peter Matson being the first president. Since then, the following Elders have presided over the Swedish Mission: Peter Sundwall, Andreas Peterson, Theodore Johnson, Theodore Tobiason, A. P. Anderson, Theodore Tobiason (second term), Isaac P. Thunell, Gideon N. Hulterstrom, Hugo D. E. Peterson, John H. Anderson, Andrew Johnson, and Gideon N. Hulterstrom (second term), who is now presiding. The Mission President is also the editor the *Nordstjarnan*, the Mission publication, which appears twice a month.

Finland and Russia belong to the Swedish Mission, and the Mission President must also visit these lands and hold meetings there when his time permits. The Saints who formerly lived in Russia have now moved into Finland, where there are at present approximately twenty members. The writer had the pleasure of journeying to these two countries mentioned above during the summer of 1929, and met with considerable success.

At the present time, the Mission is divided into five districts and sixteen branches. The total membership is 1854 souls. Thirty-five missionaries are at present labouring in the Mission. The auxiliary organizations of the Church are organized in all the branches which have favourable conditions, and are powerful units in developing the members temporally, intellectually and spiritually. There are in the Mission eleven Sunday Schools, fourteen Relief Societies, ten Mutual Improvement Associations, one Genealogical Society, and ten Priesthood classes. The Mission owns two large buildings, one in Stockholm (which is above mentioned), the other—a very modern chapel—in Gothenburg.

The missionaries of the Swedish Mission are devoted and faithful workers. They are preaching the Gospel by word of mouth and by their own daily actions. They have held many meetings. They explain the Gospel message to all who will listen. Books of Mormon are placed into the hands of interested parties at every opportunity. In like manner have many other books and pamphlets and thousands of tracts been distributed.

The members of the Church in Sweden, too, are devoted in the cause of the Lord. Their testimonies are unwavering, and they

are uniting and earnestly seeking to bring the Gospel to the homes of those who are diligent searchers for truth. The work in this northern country has a bright future.

May the restored Gospel truths continue to go forward and triumph over the entire earth until the way is completely prepared for the wonderful event of the second coming of the Lord.

SCIENCE ON MEAT-EATING

(NOTE: The following is taken from the October 4th, 1929, issue of *Science*. This is another testimony from the scientific world that meat-eating should be reduced to a minimum as one way of assuring health—an added testimony to the Word of Wisdom.—EDITORS.)

MEAT and meat products are responsible for most food poisoning outbreaks, members of the American Public Health Association were told at their meeting in Minneapolis by Drs. Thomas G. Hull and Lloyd Arnold, of the Illinois State Department of Health and the University of Illinois College of Medicine. When much meat is eaten, the bacteria normally found in the small intestine, where meat is chiefly digested, are disturbed. The germ-killing action normally occurring in the small intestine is interfered with for six hours after a meat meal. Thus, when germs are taken into the system with a meat meal, they have a good chance to develop and cause illness. Material containing a germ frequently implicated in food poisonings will produce irritations of the stomach and intestines when it has been added to fresh meat, but no poisonous effect can be seen when the same material is added to a bread and milk diet.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A WONDERFUL gathering of Saints and friends filled with the Spirit of Truth assembled in the Co-operative Hall, Whitehall Road, in Gateshead, on Sunday, October 12th, to attend the Newcastle District Semi-annual Conference. The theme of the Conference, "Carry On," was beautifully carried out in speech and music throughout the three sessions.

An apt dramatization of the Word of Wisdom, called "The Awakening"—portraying the results of disobedience, was ably presented by local members at the morning session.

During the forepart of the afternoon session, speeches upon the history, aims and ideals of the auxiliary organizations were given by local members, after which separate instructions were given to the Priesthood and Relief Society members by President and Sister A. William Lund, respectively. At this session, District President Lowell R. Rich was released from his presiding capacity, and Elder Earl B. Cragun was sustained in his stead.

At the evening session, talks were given by Elder Joseph A. Checketts, President Lowell R. Rich and President Lund. The audience was thoroughly inspired with the address upon the fundamentals of "Mormonism" given by President Lund.

Attending the Conference were the following mission officers and missionaries: British Mission President A. William Lund, and Sister Josephine B. Lund, President of the British Mission Relief Society; Elder Joseph A. Checketts, of the British Mission Office; President Lowell R. Rich, President Earl B. Cragun (incoming District President); and the following missionaries of the Newcastle District: Elders Clarence H. Taylor, Joseph R. Greenhalgh, Raymond H. Swensen, Raymond Searle, Leo V. Toombs, Howard A. Thorn, Arlow W. Nalder, Colin M. Edward, Ural Sheppick, Wayne H. Nielson, B. Kenneth Lunt, Fay E. Bates, Richard G. Johnson, Harold E. Deane, Russell R. Phillips, Robert J. Smith and Clarence A. England; President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Gordon B. Taylor and Arthur S. Gailey, of the Birmingham District; President Herbert C. Fletcher and Elder Harding H. Higham, of the Hull District; Elders Eldon P. Darley, and A. Fenton Smith, of the London District; and Elder Ralph S. Olpin, of the Liverpool District.

ELDER CLARENCE H. TAYLOR, District Clerk.

FREE STATE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

A VERY inspiring Conference of the Free State District was held at 8 Merrion Row, Dublin, on Sunday, October 19th. There were in attendance Elders Wesley D. Amott and Junius E. Driggs, of the British Mission Office; Elders Horace C. Cherrington and L. Burdette Pugmire, of the Liverpool District; President Cyrus H. Gold and Elder Merrill H. Glenn of the Ulster District, and President Benjamin R. Birchall, of the Free State District, who presided. President and Sister A. William Lund were prevented from being in attendance owing to slight indisposition of President Lund.

At the morning session, the members of the Dublin Branch very effectively rendered "The Awakening," a pageant, which was highly appreciated.

The Church, Mission and District officers were unanimously sustained at the afternoon meeting; and each of the traveling missionaries spoke on various phases of the Gospel.

At 7:00 p.m., Elder Amott gave an illustrated lecture before a large audience which included several non-members of the Church. The lecture was interesting and appreciated by all.

Sister Ena Birchall sang beautifully at the services.

At the close of the day, all felt that one of the best conferences ever held in the Irish Free State had been witnessed.

BENJAMIN R. BIRCHALL, District President.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Branch Conferences: Of the Kidderminster Branch, Birmingham District, held on October 19th. The theme, "The Temple of Purity," was well carried out in pageant, speech and song. President Virgil J. Smith, and Elders Ivan E. Lauper, Cyrus W. Greaves, Gordon B. Taylor and C. Lewis Kinsey were in attendance.

Of the Wigan Branch, Liverpool District, held on Sunday, October 5th. The branch members effectively produced the pageant "The Gospel Story."

Of the Liverpool Branch, Liverpool District, held on October 12th. A large audience of members and their friends enjoyed the special program given.

Of the Derby Branch, Nottingham District, held on October 12th. Short talks and songs were given based on "A Universal Resurrection." In attendance were President Harold B. Rowell, and Elders Roland G. Manning, Owen E. Andrus and Perry L. Watkins.

Of the Norwich Branch, Norwich District, held on October 5th. "Love" was the theme of the day. President Harold A. Thorne and Elder Joseph D. McAllister were the missionaries present.

Of the Ipswich Branch, Norwich District, held on October 12th. The many members and friends attending listened with interest to the theme, "Thanks to God." President Harold A. Thorne, and Elders Kenneth Chatwin and Brigham L. Hibbert were present. The following Tuesday parcels were given to the unfortunate.

Of the Portsmouth Branch, Portsmouth District, held on October 5th. A program based on "'Momonism'—A Key to Temporal and Spiritual Salvation" interested all present. Attending were President Stephen D. Howells, and Elders Lorin B. Daniels, William T. Mathie, Jr., and Irving T. Duffin.

Of the Rawmarsh Branch, Sheffield District, held on October 12th. A large number of friends and members listened with interest to the program. The Branch was re-organized with Joseph T. Quinney as President, and Joseph Hamstead and John I. Holton, Jr., as Counselors, and Peter Hamstead as Clerk. President Therald N. Jensen, and Elders Welden C. Roberts, Alton S. Maughan and Glen T. Dixon attended.

Doings in the Districts: *Birmingham*—The instructions and entertainment given at the union meeting of the officers and teachers of the District on Saturday, October 11th, proved of great value and interest. The Bee-Hive organization featured two one-act plays, and fruits and cakes were sold.

On Sunday, October 12th, Elders Cyrus W. Greaves and Ivan E. Lauper accepted an invitation to address the Adult Society in Sparkbrook. The opportunity was afforded them to stress the necessity of high ideals. Invitations to address similar societies have been extended.

Bristol—The members of the Plymouth Branch have manifested great interest in the Mutual Improvement Association organized there on October 2nd.

A Relief Society was organized in the Cirencester Branch on October 2nd, and a Sunday School on Sunday, October 5th.

London—Three Primaries have recently been organized in the London District: On September 26th, the Luton Branch Primary was organized under the direction of Elders Gorden L. Allen and Rulon T. Jeffs, with Sister Zella Moorhead acting as President. On October 1st, under the direction of Alfred James Willmott, the Holloway Branch Primary was organized. Brother Alfred John Willmott was put in charge. On October 9th, another Primary was organized in the South London Branch, with Sister Alice Conway in charge. The children are evidencing great interest, and have pledged themselves to invite and bring their friends.

Nottingham—During the afternoon and evening of Saturday, October 11th, a bazaar was held in the Hucknall Branch. The sale of goods made by members and donated by friends was a decided success. A delightful program was given, and games and refreshments were enjoyed.

GOD'S IDEA

When God made birds and flowers and trees
To decorate this homely world,
He looked and said "I'm not quite pleased
With all the beauty I've unfurled;
There's something lacking in my plan,
This pleases neither God nor man."

He thought and thought and wracked his brain
For something which would add the art
Of magic to terrestrial plane,
Where beauty dwelt without a heart.
And then he looked down from above
And said, "The world's in need of love."

"I'll make a creature which will lend
A loveliness to this great sphere,
Who will be more than just a friend;
She'll teach them love throughout the year."
And to the world he gave another
Wondrous gift; we call it "Mother."

SAMUEL G. CLAWSON.

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